

# GOVERNORS COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

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## HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

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**CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH RESPITE CARE PROJECT  
MICRO APPROACH**

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**ACTION STEPS ALREADY TAKEN**

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- ✓ We had three (3) conference calls to discuss options for the focus of our work.
- ✓ After some discussion including dual diagnosis (mental health and developmental disabilities), transition or aftercare and foster care, we chose the Children's Mental Health Respite Care Project as the focus of our work.
- ✓ We chose to take the micro approach to evaluate this project.
- ✓ We gathered and reviewed information including but not limited to:

Governor Dirk Kempthorne's "Generation of the Child Initiative" Request for Proposal (RFP) in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare and the Idaho Children's Trust Fund.

Response to the RFP by ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Network and Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project, Inc.

Telephone contacts with the Respite Care Project Director, Kathleen Kovach

Reviewed the Oklahoma Area-wide Services Information System (OASIS) web site (K. Kovach is director of that organization)

Telephone conversations with Ross Edmunds, Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare's Children's Mental Health Specialist and contract monitor for the respite project.

Information related to respite care available to the Shoshone Bannock Tribes through Head Start.

Partial list of invitees at Region I's Respite Care System and Needs Assessment to be held in the future.

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## **DEVELOPMENTS AND/OR REFINEMENTS**

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- ✓ List action steps or refinements that take place during the Dec 10 meeting.
- ✓ Reviewed long terms goals related to this task force and four priority areas.

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## **SHORT TERM ACTION STEPS**

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- ✓ List action steps that we plan to take before the next council meeting.
- ✓ Review and oversee plans to ensure that cultural and ethnic diversity is respected in all plans.
- ✓ Follow the work of the Department of Health & Welfare's Children's Mental Health Respite Care Advisory Committee.
- ✓ Attend next Respite Care Advisory Committee on December 18, 2001 report back to task force regarding dates, times of regional meetings and post via e-newsletter/listserv.
- ✓ Offer assistance to ARCH to help develop strategy and plan for regional meetings (provide names, organizations etc.)
- ✓ Post dates of regional meetings on DJC Website and Federation website and any other council member website.
- ✓ Attend regional meetings related to system and needs assessment report back to task force.
- ✓ Assist with development of process for information distribution
- ✓ Assist in further development of a stakeholders database

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## LONG TERM GOALS

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- ✓ List long term action steps or goals that this task force will take in the future implementing the 4 priority areas 1) **Information Dissemination** 2) **Data Collection and Utilization** 3) **Public Awareness** 4) **Statewide Analysis and Public/Private Partnerships**
- ✓ Contact all members of Governors Coordinating Council for Families and Childrens with quarterly updates on project.
- ✓ (Priority 1) Provide input to Health & Welfare about information / indicators we believe is relevant for data collection
- ✓ (Priority 2) Monitor data reports gathered by the Dept. of Health & Welfare and report back to council – provide oversight to project.
- ✓ (Priority 3) Work with Priority 3 workgroup to include information dissemination through their campaign.
- ✓ Develop recommendations based on reports and data for the implementation of Respite care Project.
- ✓ During implementation phase, remain active with the Dept. of Health & Welfare in advisory capacity.